
UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): **May 27, 2010**

EMPLOYERS HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

NEVADA
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

001-33245
(Commission File Number)

04-3850065
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

10375 Professional Circle
Reno, Nevada
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

89521
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number including area code: **(888) 682-6671**

No change since last report
(Former Name or Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Section 5 – Corporate Governance and Management

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On May 27, 2010, at the 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "2010 Annual Meeting") of Employers Holdings, Inc. (the "Company"), the Company's stockholders approved amendments to the Employers Holdings, Inc. Amended and Restated Equity and Incentive Plan (as amended, the "Plan"). A description of the amendments to the Plan is contained in the Company's Proxy Statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 14, 2010, and a copy of the Plan is attached as Exhibit 10.1 hereto. The Plan and the description thereof are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 5.07. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

The 2010 Annual Meeting was held on May 27, 2010. The matters that were voted upon at such meeting, and the number of votes cast for, against or withheld, as well as the number of abstentions and broker non-votes as to each such matter, where applicable, are set forth below.

1. Election of three directors to serve until the 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders:

	Votes For	Votes Withheld	Broker Non-Votes
Rose E. McKinney-James	24,822,968	245,892	4,126,534
John P. Sande, III	24,688,168	380,692	4,126,534
Martin J. Welch	24,255,396	813,464	4,126,534

2. Approval of amendments to the Employers Holdings, Inc. Amended and Restated Equity and Incentive Plan:

Votes For	Votes Against	Abstentions	Broker Non-Votes
20,370,182	4,571,599	127,079	4,126,534

3. Ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010:

Votes For	Votes Against	Abstentions	Broker Non-Votes
29,059,963	50,640	84,791	0

Section 9 – Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- 10.1 Employers Holdings, Inc. Amended and Restated Equity and Incentive Plan.
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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

EMPLOYERS HOLDINGS, INC.

By: /s/ Lenard T. Ormsby
Name: Lenard T. Ormsby
Title: Executive Vice President, Chief
Legal Officer and General
Counsel

Dated: May 28, 2010

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10.1

Employers Holdings, Inc. Amended and Restated Equity and Incentive Plan.

EMPLOYERS HOLDINGS, INC.

AMENDED AND RESTATED EQUITY AND INCENTIVE PLAN

1. Purpose; Types of Awards; Construction.

The purpose of the Employers Holdings, Inc. Amended and Restated Equity and Incentive Plan (the "Plan") is to promote the interests of the Company and its Subsidiaries and the stockholders of the Company by providing officers, employees, non-employee Directors, consultants, and independent contractors of the Company and its Subsidiaries with appropriate incentives and rewards to encourage them to enter into and continue in the employ or service of the Company or its Subsidiaries, to acquire a proprietary interest in the long-term success of the Company and to reward the performance of individuals in fulfilling their personal responsibilities for long-range and annual achievements. The Plan provides for the grant, in the sole discretion of the Committee, of options (including "incentive stock options" and "nonqualified stock options"), stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units, stock- or cash-based performance awards, and other stock-based awards. The Plan is designed so that Awards granted hereunder intended to comply with the requirements for "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code may comply with such requirements, and the Plan and Awards shall be interpreted in a manner consistent with such requirements. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan, to the extent that any Awards would be subject to Section 409A of the Code, the Plan and the Awards and Award Agreements shall be interpreted in a manner consistent with Section 409A of the Code and any regulations or guidance promulgated thereunder.

2. Definitions.

For purposes of the Plan, the following terms shall be defined as set forth below:

(a) "Award" means any Option, Stock Appreciation Right, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Unit, Performance Award, or Other Stock-Based Award granted under the Plan.

(b) "Award Agreement" means any written agreement, contract, or other instrument or document evidencing an Award.

(c) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.

(d) "Cause" means, unless otherwise specified in the Award Agreement, that the Grantee has (a) willfully and continually failed to substantially perform, or been willfully grossly negligent in the discharge of, his or her duties to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (in any case, other than by reason of a disability, physical or mental illness); (b) committed or engaged in an act of theft, embezzlement or fraud, or (c) committed, been convicted of or plead guilty or nolo contendere to a felony or a misdemeanor with respect to which fraud or dishonesty is a material element. No act or failure to act on the part of the Grantee shall be deemed "willful" unless done, or omitted to be done, by the Grantee not in good faith or without reasonable belief that the Grantee's act or failure to act was in the best interests of the Company. Determination of Cause shall be made by the Committee in its sole discretion.

(e) A "Change in Control" shall be deemed to have occurred if the event set forth in any one of the following paragraphs shall have occurred:

(1) any Person is or becomes the "Beneficial Owner" (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of securities of the Company (not including in the securities Beneficially Owned by such Person any securities acquired directly from the Company) representing 35% or more of the combined voting power of the Company's then outstanding securities, excluding any Person who becomes such a Beneficial Owner in connection with a transaction described in clause (i) of

paragraph (3) below and excluding any Person who becomes such a Beneficial Owner solely by reason of the repurchase of shares by the Company; or

(2) during any consecutive 24-month period, the following individuals cease for any reason to constitute a majority of the number of Directors then serving: individuals who, on the effective date of the Initial Public Offering, constitute the Board of Directors and any new Director (other than a Director whose initial assumption of office is in connection with an actual or threatened election contest, including but not limited to a consent solicitation, relating to the election of Directors of the Company) whose appointment or election by the Board of Directors or nomination for election by the Company's stockholders was approved or recommended by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors then still in office who either were Directors on the effective date of the Initial Public Offering or whose appointment, election or nomination for election was previously so approved or recommended; or

(3) there is consummated a merger or consolidation of the Company or any Subsidiary with any other corporation, other than (i) a merger or consolidation which would result in the voting securities of the Company outstanding immediately prior to such merger or consolidation continuing to represent (either by remaining outstanding or by being converted into voting securities of the surviving entity or any parent thereof) at least 50% of the combined voting power of the voting securities of the Company or such surviving entity or any parent thereof outstanding immediately after such merger or consolidation, or (ii) a merger or consolidation effected to implement a recapitalization of the Company (or similar transaction) in which no Person is or becomes the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of securities of the Company (not including in the securities Beneficially Owned by such Person any securities acquired directly from the Company) representing 35% or more of the combined voting power of the Company's then outstanding securities; or

(4) the stockholders of the Company approve a plan of complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company or there is consummated an agreement for the sale or disposition by the Company of all or substantially all of the Company's assets, other than a sale or disposition by the Company of all or substantially all of the Company's assets to an entity, at least 50% of the combined voting power of the voting securities of which are owned by Persons in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of the Company immediately prior to such sale.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, (1) a "Change in Control" shall not be deemed to have occurred by virtue of the consummation of any transaction or series of integrated transactions immediately following which the holders of the common stock of the Company immediately prior to such transaction or series of transactions continue to have substantially the same proportionate ownership in an entity which owns all or substantially all of the assets of the Company immediately following such transaction or series of transactions, (2) a "Change in Control" shall not occur for purposes of the Plan as a result of the Initial Public Offering or any transactions or events contemplated by such Initial Public Offering or any secondary offering of Company common stock to the general public through a registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and (3) to the extent required to avoid negative tax consequences under Section 409A of the Code, a "Change in Control" shall not occur for purposes of any Award that is subject to Section 409A of the Code, unless the applicable event also constitutes a change in the ownership or effective control of the Company or in the ownership of a substantial portion of the assets of the Company within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code.

(f) "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.

(g) "Committee" shall mean the Compensation Committee of the Board, which shall consist of two or more persons, each of whom, unless otherwise determined by the Board, is an "outside Director" within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code, a "nonemployee Director" within the meaning of

Rule 16b-3, and an "independent" Director within the meaning of the listing requirements of the New York Stock Exchange or any other national securities exchange on which the Stock is principally traded.

(h) "Company" means Employers Holdings, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Nevada, or any successor corporation.

(i) "Covered Employee" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 162(m)(3) of the Code.

(j) "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time, and as now or hereafter construed, interpreted and applied by regulations, rulings and cases.

(k) "Fair Market Value" means, with respect to Stock or other property, the fair market value of such Stock or other property determined by such methods or procedures as shall be established from time to time by the Committee. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee in good faith, the per share Fair Market Value of Stock as of a particular date shall mean (i) the closing price per share of Stock on the national securities exchange on which the Stock is principally traded or, if not trading on that date, the closing price per share of Stock on such exchange for the last preceding date on which there was a sale of such Stock on such exchange, or (ii) if the shares of Stock are then traded in an over-the-counter market, the average of the closing bid and asked prices for the shares of Stock in such over-the-counter market or, if not trading on that date, the average of the closing bid and asked prices for the shares of Stock in such over-the-counter market on the last preceding date on which there was a sale of such Stock in such market, or (iii) if the shares of Stock are not then listed on a national securities exchange or traded in an over-the-counter market, such value as the Committee, in its sole discretion, shall determine. Awards granted in connection with the Initial Public Offering shall have a fair market value equal to the offering price.

(l) "Grantee" means an officer, employee, non-employee Director, consultant, or independent contractor of the Company or any Subsidiary who has been granted an Award under the Plan.

(m) "Harmful Conduct" means, unless otherwise specified in an Award Agreement, (i) a breach in any material respect of an agreement to not reveal confidential information regarding the business operations of the Company or any affiliate or an agreement to refrain from solicitation of the customers, suppliers or employees of the Company or any affiliate, or (ii) a violation of any of the restrictive covenants contained in the Grantee's employment, severance or other agreement with the Company, or any of its affiliates.

(n) "Immediate Family Member" means with respect to any Grantee, the Grantee's spouse, children or grandchildren (including any adopted or step-children or grandchildren), parents, grandparents or siblings.

(o) "Initial Public Offering" means the initial public offering of the shares of Stock of the Company.

(p) "ISO" means any Option intended to be and designated as an incentive stock option within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code.

(q) "NQSO" means any Option that is not designated as an ISO.

(r) "Option" means a right, granted to a Grantee under Section 6(b)(i) of the Plan, to purchase shares of Stock. An Option may be either an ISO or an NQSO.

(s) "Other Stock-Based Award" means a right or other interest granted to a Grantee under Section 6(b)(vi) of the Plan that may be denominated or payable in, valued in whole or in part by reference to, or otherwise based on, or related to, Stock.

(t) "Performance Award" means a right or other interest granted to a Grantee under Section 6(b)(v) of the Plan that may be payable in cash or may be denominated or payable in, valued in whole or in part by reference to, or otherwise based on, or related to, Stock and which is awarded upon the attainment of Performance Goals.

(u) "Performance Goals" means performance goals pre-established by the Committee in its sole discretion, based on one or more of the following criteria (as determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles): revenue growth, premium growth, policy growth, earnings (including earnings before taxes, earnings before interest and taxes, earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization), net earnings, operating income, before or after tax income (before or after allocation of corporate overhead and/or bonus), income or net income (before or after-taxes), cash flow (before or after dividends), earnings per share, return on equity, return on capital (including return on total capital or return on invested capital), cash flow return on investment, net assets, return on assets, economic value added models (or an equivalent metric), comparisons with various stock market indices, book value, reductions in cost, combined ratio, loss ratio, expense ratio, market share or penetration, business expansion, share price performance, total shareholder return, improvement in or attainment of expense levels or expense ratios, working capital levels, operating margins, operating ratio, gross margins or cash margins, year-end cash, debt reductions, shareholder equity, market share, regulatory achievements, employee and/or agent satisfaction, customer satisfaction, customer retention, rating agency ratings, and any combination of, or a specified increase in, any of the foregoing. The Performance Goals may be based upon the attainment of specified levels of performance by the Company, or a business unit, division, Subsidiary, or business segment of the Company. In addition, the Performance Goals may be based upon the attainment of specified levels of performance under one or more of the measures described above relative to the performance of other entities. To the extent permitted under Section 162(m) of the Code (including, without limitation, compliance with any requirements for stockholder approval), the Committee in its sole discretion may designate additional business criteria on which the Performance Goals may be based or adjust, modify or amend the aforementioned business criteria, including without limitation, Performance Goals based on the Grantee's individual performance. Performance Goals may include a threshold level of performance below which no Award will be earned, a level of performance at which the target amount of an Award will be earned and a level of performance at which the maximum amount of the Award will be earned. Measurement of performance relative to Performance Goals shall exclude the impact of losses or charges in connection with restructurings or discontinued operations. In addition, the Committee in its sole discretion shall have the authority to make equitable adjustments to the Performance Goals in recognition of unusual or non-recurring events affecting the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company or the financial statements of the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company, in response to changes in applicable laws or regulations, including changes in generally accepted accounting principles or practices, or to account for items of gain, loss or expense determined to be extraordinary or unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence or related to the disposal of a segment of a business or related to a change in accounting principles, as applicable.

(v) "Person" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3(a)(9) of the Exchange Act, as modified and used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) thereof, except that such term shall not include (1) the Company or any Subsidiary, (2) a trustee or other fiduciary holding securities under an employee benefit plan of the Company or any Subsidiary, (3) an underwriter temporarily holding securities pursuant to an offering of such securities, or (4) a corporation owned, directly or indirectly, by the stockholders of the Company in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of stock of the Company.

(w) "Plan" means this Employers Holdings, Inc. Amended and Restated Equity and Incentive Plan, as amended from time to time.

(x) "Repricing" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3 of the Plan.

(y) "Restricted Stock" means an Award of shares of Stock to a Grantee under Section 6(b)(iii) of the Plan that may be subject to certain restrictions and to a risk of forfeiture.

(z) "Restricted Stock Unit" means a right granted to a Grantee under Section 6(b)(iv) of the Plan to receive Stock or cash at the end of a specified deferral period, which right may be conditioned on the satisfaction of specified performance or other criteria.

(aa) "Rule 16b-3" means Rule 16b-3, as from time to time in effect promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under Section 16 of the Exchange Act, including any successor to such Rule.

(bb) "Stock" means shares of the common stock, par value \$.01 per share, of the Company.

(cc) "Stock Appreciation Right" or "SAR" means the right, granted to a Grantee under Section 6(b)(ii) of the Plan, to be paid an amount measured by the appreciation in the Fair Market Value of Stock from the date of grant to the date of exercise of the right.

(dd) "Subsidiary" means a "subsidiary corporation," whether now or hereafter existing, as defined in Section 424(f) of the Code.

(ee) "Substitute Awards" means Awards granted or shares of Stock issued by the Company in assumption of, or in substitution or exchange for, awards previously granted by a company acquired by the Company or any Subsidiary or with which the Company or any Subsidiary combines.

3. Administration.

The Plan shall be administered by the Committee. The Committee shall have the authority in its sole discretion, subject to and not inconsistent with the express provisions of the Plan, to administer the Plan and to exercise all the powers and authorities either specifically granted to it under the Plan or necessary or advisable in the administration of the Plan, including, without limitation, the authority to grant Awards; to determine the persons to whom and the time or times at which Awards shall be granted; to determine the type and number of Awards to be granted, the number of shares of Stock to which an Award may relate and the terms, conditions, restrictions and performance criteria relating to any Award; to determine Performance Goals no later than such time as required to ensure that an underlying Award which is intended to comply with the requirements of Section 162(m) of the Code so complies; and to determine whether, to what extent, and under what circumstances an Award may be settled, cancelled, forfeited, exchanged, or surrendered; to make adjustments in the terms and conditions of, and the Performance Goals (if any) included in, Awards; to construe and interpret the Plan and any Award; to prescribe, amend and rescind rules and regulations relating to the Plan; to determine the terms and provisions of the Award Agreements (which need not be identical for each Grantee); and to make all other determinations deemed necessary or advisable for the administration of the Plan. Notwithstanding the foregoing, but subject to Section 5(d) below, neither the Board, the Committee nor their respective delegates shall have the authority without first obtaining the approval of the Company's stockholders to reprice (or cancel and regrant) any Option or SAR or, if applicable, other Award at a lower exercise, base or purchase price, to cancel any Option or SAR in exchange for cash or another Award if such cancellation has the same effect as lowering the exercise, base or purchase price of such Option or SAR, or to take any other action with respect to an Award that would be treated as a repricing under the rules and regulations of the principal securities market on which the Stock is traded (any such actions, a "Repricing").

All determinations of the Committee shall be made by a majority of its members either present in person or participating via video conference or other electronic means, at a meeting, or by written consent.

The Committee may delegate to one or more of its members or to one or more executive officers or other agents such administrative duties as it may deem advisable (including the authority to grant Awards to non-officers), and the Committee or any person to whom it has delegated duties as aforesaid may employ one or more persons to render advice with respect to any responsibility the Committee or such person may have under the Plan. All decisions, determinations and interpretations of the Committee shall be final and binding on all persons, including but not limited to the Company, any Subsidiary of the Company, any Grantee (or any person claiming any rights under the Plan from or through any Grantee) and any stockholder.

No member of the Board or Committee shall be liable for any action taken or determination made in good faith with respect to the Plan or any Award granted hereunder. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary continued herein, prior to the consummation of the Initial Public Offering, all Committee action may be taken by the Board.

4. Eligibility.

Awards may be granted to individuals who are officers, employees, non-employee Directors, consultants, or independent contractors of the Company or its Subsidiaries. In determining the persons to whom Awards shall be granted and the number of shares to be covered by each Award, the Committee shall take into account the duties of the respective persons, their present and potential contributions to the success of the Company or its Subsidiaries and such other factors as the Committee shall deem relevant in connection with accomplishing the purposes of the Plan.

5. Stock Subject to the Plan.

(a) The maximum number of shares of Stock reserved for the grant of Awards under the Plan shall be 7,105,838 shares of Stock (all of which may be granted as ISOs), subject to adjustment as provided herein. If any shares of Stock subject to an Award are forfeited, cancelled, exchanged, surrendered, or if an Award terminates or expires without a distribution of shares underlying the Award to the Grantee, or if shares of Stock are surrendered or withheld as payment of either the exercise price of an Award and/or withholding taxes in respect of an Award, the applicable number of shares of Stock with respect to such Award (determined in a manner consistent with the immediately preceding sentence) shall, to the extent of any such forfeiture, cancellation, exchange, surrender, withholding, termination or expiration, again be available for Awards under the Plan. Upon the exercise of any Award granted in tandem with any other Awards, such related Awards shall be cancelled to the extent of the number of shares of Stock as to which the Award is exercised and, notwithstanding the foregoing, such number of shares shall no longer be available for Awards under the Plan. Substitute Awards shall not reduce the shares of Stock reserved for the grant of Awards under the Plan or authorized for Awards granted to an individual.

(b) Subject to adjustment as provided herein, no more than 1,000,000 shares of Stock may be made subject to Awards of Options and SARs granted to an individual in any consecutive thirty-six month period and no more than 500,000 shares of Stock may be made subject to Awards other than Awards of Options and SARs granted to an individual in any consecutive thirty-six month period. Determinations made in respect of the limitations set forth in the immediately preceding sentence shall be made in a manner consistent with Section 162(m) of the Code.

(c) Shares of Stock may, in whole or in part, be authorized but unissued shares or shares of Stock that shall have been or may be reacquired by the Company in the open market, in private transactions or otherwise.

(d) In the event that the Committee shall determine that any dividend or other distribution (whether in the form of cash, Stock, or other property), recapitalization, Stock split, reverse split, reorganization, merger, consolidation, spin-off, combination, repurchase, or share exchange, or other similar corporate transaction or event, affects the Stock such that an adjustment is appropriate in order to prevent

dilution or enlargement of the rights of Grantees under the Plan, then the Committee shall make such equitable changes or adjustments as it deems necessary or appropriate to any or all of (i) the maximum number and kind of shares of Stock or other property (including cash) that may be issued hereunder in connection with Awards, (ii) the maximum number of shares of Stock that may be made subject to Awards to any individual, (iii) the number and kind of shares of Stock or other property (including cash) issued or issuable in respect of outstanding Awards, (iv) the exercise price, grant price, or purchase price relating to any Award; provided, that, with respect to ISOs, such adjustment shall be made in accordance with Section 424(h) of the Code; and (v) the Performance Goals applicable to outstanding Awards.

6. Specific Terms of Awards.

(a) General. The term of each Award shall be for such period as may be determined by the Committee, subject to the terms of the Plan. Subject to the terms of the Plan and any applicable Award Agreement, payments to be made by the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company upon the grant, maturation, or exercise of an Award may be made in such forms as the Committee shall determine at the date of grant or thereafter, including, without limitation, cash, Stock, or other property, and may be made in a single payment or transfer, in installments, or on a deferred basis. The Committee may make rules relating to installment or deferred payments with respect to Awards, including the rate of interest to be credited with respect to such payments. In addition to the foregoing, the Committee may impose on any Award or the exercise thereof, at the date of grant or thereafter, such additional terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan, as the Committee shall determine.

(b) Types of Awards. The Committee is authorized to grant the Awards described in this Section 6(b), under such terms and conditions as deemed by the Committee to be consistent with the purposes of the Plan. Such Awards may be granted with value and payment contingent upon the achievement of Performance Goals. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, each Award shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement containing such terms and conditions applicable to such Award as the Committee shall determine at the date of grant or thereafter.

(i) Options. The Committee is authorized to grant Options to Grantees on the following terms and conditions:

(A) Type of Award. The Award Agreement evidencing the grant of an Option under the Plan shall designate the Option as an ISO or an NQSO.

(B) Exercise Price. The exercise price per share of Stock purchasable under an Option shall be determined by the Committee, but, except for outstanding awards assumed, converted or replaced in connection with a corporate transaction, in no event shall the exercise price of any Option be less than the Fair Market Value of a share of Stock on the date of grant of such Option. The exercise price for Stock subject to an Option may be paid in cash or by an exchange of Stock previously owned by the Grantee, through a "broker cashless exercise" procedure approved by the Committee, a combination of the above, or any other method approved the Committee, in any case in an amount having a combined value equal to such exercise price.

(C) Term, Vesting and Exercisability of Options. Unless the Committee determines otherwise, the date on which the Committee adopts a resolution expressly granting an Option shall be considered the day on which such Option is granted. Options shall be vested and exercisable over the exercise period (which shall not exceed seven years from the date of grant), at such times and upon such conditions as the Committee may determine, as reflected in the Award Agreement; provided, that the Committee shall have the authority to accelerate the

vesting and exercisability of any outstanding Option at such time and under such circumstances as it, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate. An Option may be exercised to the extent of any or all full shares of Stock as to which the Option has become vested and exercisable, by giving written notice of such exercise to the Committee or its designated agent.

(D) Other Provisions. Options may be subject to such other conditions including, but not limited to, restrictions on transferability of the shares of Stock acquired upon exercise of such Options, as the Committee may prescribe in its discretion or as may be required by applicable law.

(ii) SARs. The Committee is authorized to grant SARs to Grantees on the following terms and conditions:

(A) In General. SARs may be granted independently or in tandem with an Option at the time of grant of the related Option. An SAR granted in tandem with an Option shall be vested and exercisable only to the extent the underlying Option is vested and exercisable. Payment of an SAR may be made in cash, Stock, property, or a combination of the foregoing, as specified in the Award Agreement or determined in the sole discretion of the Committee.

(B) Term, Vesting and Exercisability of SARs. Unless the Committee determines otherwise, the date on which the Committee adopts a resolution expressly granting an SAR shall be considered the day on which such SAR is granted. SARs shall be vested and exercisable over the exercise period (which shall not exceed seven years from the date of grant), at such times and upon such conditions as the Committee may determine, as reflected in the Award Agreement; provided, that the Committee shall have the authority to accelerate the vesting and exercisability of any outstanding SAR at such time and under such circumstances as it, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate.

(C) Payment. An SAR shall confer on the Grantee a right to receive an amount with respect to each share of Stock subject thereto, upon exercise thereof, equal to the excess of (1) the Fair Market Value of one share of Stock on the date of exercise over (2) the grant price of the SAR (which in the case of an SAR granted in tandem with an Option shall be equal to the exercise price of the underlying Option, and which in the case of any other SAR shall be such price as the Committee may determine but in no event shall be less than the Fair Market Value of a share of Stock on the date of grant of such SAR). An SAR may be exercised by giving written notice of such exercise to the Committee or its designated agent.

(iii) Restricted Stock. The Committee is authorized to grant Restricted Stock to Grantees on the following terms and conditions:

(A) Issuance and Restrictions. Restricted Stock shall be subject to such restrictions on transferability and other restrictions, if any, as the Committee may impose at the date of grant or thereafter, which restrictions may lapse separately or in combination at such times, under such circumstances, in such installments, or otherwise, as the Committee may determine. Notwithstanding the above, (i) subject to clauses (ii) and (iii) below, no award of Restricted Stock granted to an employee of the Company or a Subsidiary (other than Substitute Awards) shall vest at a rate that is more rapid than one-third of the total shares subject to such Award on each of the first three anniversaries of the date of grant, (ii) Awards of Restricted Stock made

in connection with an employee's commencement of employment with the Company or its Subsidiaries to replace equity awards forfeited by such employee, Awards of Restricted Stock made as a form of payment of earned incentive compensation, and Awards of Restricted Stock that vest, in whole or in part, upon the attainment of Performance Goals shall not vest prior to the first anniversary of the date on which such Award is granted, and (iii) the Committee shall have the authority to accelerate the vesting of any outstanding award of Restricted Stock at such time and under such circumstances as it, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate. Except to the extent restricted under the Award Agreement relating to the Restricted Stock, a Grantee granted Restricted Stock shall have all of the rights of a stockholder including, without limitation, the right to vote Restricted Stock and the right to receive dividends thereon.

(B) Certificates for Stock. Restricted Stock granted under the Plan may be evidenced in such manner as the Committee shall determine. If certificates representing Restricted Stock are registered in the name of the Grantee, such certificates shall bear an appropriate legend referring to the terms, conditions, and restrictions applicable to such Restricted Stock, and the Company shall retain physical possession of the certificate.

(C) Dividends. Except to the extent restricted under the applicable Award Agreement, dividends paid on Restricted Stock shall be paid at the dividend payment date in cash or in shares of unrestricted Stock having a Fair Market Value equal to the amount of such dividends. Stock distributed in connection with a stock split or stock dividend, and other property distributed as a dividend, shall be subject to restrictions and a risk of forfeiture to the same extent as the Restricted Stock with respect to which such Stock or other property has been distributed.

(iv) Restricted Stock Units. The Committee is authorized to grant Restricted Stock Units to Grantees, subject to the following terms and conditions:

(A) Conditions to Vesting. At the time of the grant of Restricted Stock Units, the Committee may impose such restrictions or conditions to the vesting of such Awards as it, in its discretion, deems appropriate, including, but not limited to, the achievement of Performance Goals. Notwithstanding the above, (i) subject to clauses (ii) and (iii) below, no Award of Restricted Stock Units granted to an employee of the Company or a Subsidiary (other than Substitute Awards) shall vest at a rate that is more rapid than one-third of the total shares subject to such Award on each of the first three anniversaries of the date of grant, (ii) Awards of Restricted Stock Units made in connection with an employee's commencement of employment with the Company or its Subsidiaries to replace equity awards forfeited by such employee, Awards of Restricted Stock Units made as a form of payment of earned incentive compensation, and Awards of Restricted Stock that vest, in whole or in part, upon the attainment of Performance Goals shall not vest prior to the first anniversary of the date on which such Award is granted, and (iii) the Committee shall have the authority to accelerate the vesting of any outstanding Award of Restricted Stock Units at such time and under such circumstances as it, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate.

(B) Delivery of Shares. Unless otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, upon the vesting of a Restricted Stock Unit there shall be delivered to the Grantee, within 30 days of the date on which such Award (or any

portion thereof) vests, that number of shares of Stock equal to the number of Restricted Stock Units becoming so vested.

(C) Dividend Equivalents. Subject to the requirements of Section 409A of the Code, an Award of Restricted Stock Units may provide the Grantee with the right to receive dividend equivalent payments with respect to Stock subject to the Award (both before and after the Stock subject to the Award is earned, vested, or acquired), which payments may be either made currently or credited to an account for the Grantee, and may be settled in cash or Stock, as determined by the Committee. Any such settlements and any such crediting of dividend equivalents may be subject to such conditions, restrictions and contingencies as the Committee shall establish, including the reinvestment of such credited amounts in Stock equivalents. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Dividend Equivalents may not accrue or be credited with respect to Performance Awards or other performance-based Awards unless and until the applicable Performance Goals have been achieved.

(D) Deferrals. The Committee may require or permit Grantees to elect to defer the delivery of shares of Stock or cash that would otherwise be due by virtue of the vesting of the Restricted Stock Units under such rules and procedures as the Committee shall establish; provided, however, to the extent that such deferral is subject to Section 409A of the Code, the rules and procedures established by the Committee shall comply with Section 409A of the Code.

(v) Performance Awards. The Committee is authorized to grant Performance Awards to Grantees, which may be denominated in cash or shares of Stock and payable either in shares of Stock, in cash, or in a combination of both. Such Performance Awards shall be granted with value and payment contingent upon the achievement of Performance Goals and such goals shall relate to periods of performance of not less than one calendar year. The Committee shall determine the terms and conditions of such Awards at the date of grant or thereafter. The maximum amount that any Grantee may receive with respect to cash-based Performance Awards pursuant to this Section 6(b)(v) whether payable in cash or in shares of Stock in respect of any performance period is \$2,000,000. Payments earned hereunder may be decreased or, with respect to any Grantee who is not a Covered Employee, increased in the sole discretion of the Committee based on such factors as it deems appropriate. No payment shall be made to a Covered Employee prior to the certification by the Committee that the Performance Goals have been attained. The Committee may establish such other rules applicable to the Performance Awards to the extent not inconsistent with Section 162(m) of the Code.

(vi) Other Stock-Based Awards. The Committee is authorized to grant Awards to Grantees in the form of Other Stock-Based Awards, as deemed by the Committee to be consistent with the purposes of the Plan. The Committee shall determine the terms and conditions of such Awards at the date of grant or thereafter (including, in the discretion of the Committee, the right to receive dividend equivalent payments with respect to Stock subject to the Award).

(c) Termination of Service. Except as otherwise set forth in an Award Agreement, (1) upon the Grantee's termination of service with the Company and any of its Subsidiaries, the Grantee shall have 90 days following the date of such termination of service to exercise any portion of an Option or SAR that the Grantee could have exercised on the date of such termination of service; provided, however, that such exercise must be accomplished prior to the expiration of the Award term; (2) if the Grantee's termination of service is due to total and permanent disability (as defined in any agreement between the

Grantee and the Company or, if no such agreement is in effect, as determined by the Committee in its good faith discretion) or death, the Grantee, or the representative of the estate of the Grantee, as the case may be, may exercise any portion of the Option or SAR which the Grantee could have exercised on the date of such termination for a period of one year thereafter; provided, however, that such exercise must be accomplished prior to the expiration of the Award term; and (3) in the event of a termination of the Grantee's service with the Company or any of its Subsidiaries for Cause, the unexercised portion of the Option or SAR shall terminate immediately and the Grantee shall have no right thereafter to exercise any part of the Award. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may provide in an Award Agreement, or at any time thereafter, that if following termination of the Grantee's service with the Company and any of its Subsidiaries, the Grantee has been prevented from exercising the Option or SAR by reason of any trading blackout period or similar period, then the Option or SAR shall not cease to be exercisable until the Grantee has had at least 15 days following termination of such service to exercise the Option or SAR, provided that in no event will the Award remain exercisable after the expiration of the Award term. If the Grantee does not exercise any Award within the time periods following termination of service set forth in this Section 6(c), such Award shall be forfeited.

(d) Forfeiture/ Repayment of Awards. In addition to the forfeiture of Awards as provided in Section 6(c), if the Grantee engages in Harmful Conduct, prior to or following termination of employment, the Grantee may be required to forfeit any then outstanding Award, and may be required to return to the Company, without consideration (other than any amount paid by the Grantee in respect of such Award), any shares of Stock owned by the Grantee that were previously subject to an Award and any cash amounts previously paid to the Grantee in respect of an Award. To the extent the shares of Stock subject to this Section 6(d) have been previously sold or otherwise disposed of by the Grantee during the twelve-month period preceding the Grantee engaging in Harmful Conduct, the Grantee may be required to repay to the Company the aggregate Fair Market Value of such shares of Stock on the date of such sale or disposition, less any amounts paid by the Grantee for such shares. In addition, to the extent set forth in the Award Agreement, if the Company is required to restate its financial statements, the Company may require that a Grantee repay to the Company the aggregate Fair Market Value of any Award (regardless of whether such Award was payable in shares of Stock or cash) that vested upon the attainment of Performance Goals to the extent such Performance Goals would not have been achieved had such restatement not been required and may require that any unvested portions of the Award be forfeited.

7. Change in Control Provisions.

Unless otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, in the event of a Change of Control:

(a) With respect to each outstanding Award that is assumed or substituted in connection with a Change in Control, in the event of a termination of a Grantee's employment by the Company or a Subsidiary of the Company without Cause during the 24-month period following such Change in Control (i) such Award shall become fully vested and exercisable, (ii) the restrictions, payment conditions, and forfeiture conditions applicable to any such Award granted shall lapse, and (iii) any performance conditions imposed with respect to Awards shall be deemed to be fully achieved.

(b) With respect to each outstanding Award that is not assumed or substituted in connection with a Change in Control, upon the occurrence of a Change in Control (i) such Award shall become fully vested and exercisable, (ii) the restrictions, payment conditions, and forfeiture conditions applicable to any such Award granted shall lapse, and (iii) any performance conditions imposed with respect to Awards shall be deemed to be fully achieved. Immediately following the occurrence of the events described in clauses (i)–(iii) of this Section 7(b), each such Award not assumed or substituted in connection with a Change in Control shall terminate.

(c) For purposes of this Section 7, an Award shall be considered assumed or substituted for if, following the Change in Control, such Award remains subject to the same terms and conditions that were applicable to the Award immediately prior to the Change in Control except that the Award

confers the right to purchase or receive, for each share subject to the Option, SAR, Award of Restricted Stock, Award of Restricted Stock Units, Performance Award, or Other Stock-Based Award the consideration (whether stock, cash or other securities or property) received in the Change in Control by holders of shares of Stock for each share of Stock held on the effective date of the transaction (and if holders were offered a choice of consideration, the type of consideration chosen by the greatest number of holders of the outstanding shares).

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, in the event of a Change in Control, the Committee may, in its discretion, provide that each Award shall, upon the occurrence of a Change in Control, be cancelled in exchange for a payment in an amount equal to (i) the excess of the consideration paid per share of Stock in the Change in Control over the exercise or purchase price (if any) per share of Stock subject to the Award multiplied by (ii) the number of Shares granted under the Option or SAR.

8. General Provisions.

(a) Nontransferability. Except as provided below, Awards shall not be transferable by a Grantee except by will or the laws of descent and distribution and shall be exercisable during the lifetime of a Grantee only by such Grantee or his guardian or legal representative. To the extent and under such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Committee, a Grantee may assign or transfer an Award (each transferee thereof, a "Permitted Assignee") to (i) an Immediate Family Member, (ii) to a trust for the benefit of one or more of the Grantee and/or an Immediate Family Member, or (iii) a partnership, limited liability company or corporation in which the Grantee and/or one or more Immediate Family Members are the only partners, members or shareholders; provided that such Permitted Assignee shall be bound by and subject to all of the terms and conditions of the Plan and the Award Agreement relating to the transferred Award and shall execute an agreement satisfactory to the Company evidencing such obligations; and provided further that such Grantee shall remain bound by the terms and conditions of the Plan. The Company shall cooperate with any Permitted Assignee and the Company's transfer agent in effectuating any transfer permitted under this Section 8(a).

(b) No Right to Continued Employment, etc. Nothing in the Plan or in any Award, any Award Agreement or other agreement entered into pursuant hereto shall confer upon any Grantee the right to continue in the employ or service of the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company or to be entitled to any remuneration or benefits not set forth in the Plan or such Award Agreement or other agreement or to interfere with or limit in any way the right of the Company or any such Subsidiary to terminate such Grantee's employment or independent contractor relationship.

(c) Taxes. The Company or any Subsidiary of the Company is authorized to withhold from any Award granted, any payment relating to an Award under the Plan, including from a distribution of Stock, or any other payment to a Grantee, amounts of withholding and other taxes due in connection with any transaction involving an Award, and to take such other action as the Committee may deem advisable to enable the Company and Grantees to satisfy obligations for the payment of withholding taxes and other tax obligations relating to any Award. This authority shall include authority to withhold or receive Stock or other property and to make cash payments in respect thereof in satisfaction of a Grantee's tax obligations. The Committee may provide in the Award Agreement that in the event that a Grantee is required to pay any amount to be withheld in connection with the issuance of shares of Stock in settlement, vesting or exercise of an Award, such withholding and other taxes shall be satisfied with shares of Stock to be received upon settlement, vesting or exercise of such Award equal to the minimum amount required to be withheld.

(d) Stockholder Approval; Amendment and Termination.

(i) The Plan shall take effect upon its adoption by the Board.

(ii) The Board may at any time and from time to time alter, amend, suspend, or terminate the Plan in whole or in part; provided, however, that an

amendment that results in a Repricing and an amendment that requires stockholder approval in order for the Plan to continue to comply with Section 162(m) or any other law, regulation or stock exchange requirement shall not be effective unless approved by the requisite vote of stockholders. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (A) no amendment to or termination of the Plan shall affect adversely any of the rights of any Grantee, without such Grantee's consent, under any Award theretofore granted under the Plan, and (B) the Board reserves the right to amend or terminate the Plan and the Committee reserves the right to amend, restructure, terminate or replace any Awards or any Award Agreements, as may be necessary or appropriate to avoid adverse tax consequences under Section 409A of the Code.

(e) Expiration of Plan. Unless earlier terminated by the Board pursuant to the provisions of the Plan, the Plan shall expire on the tenth anniversary of April 7, 2010, which is the date that the Board adopted the Plan, as amended. No Awards shall be granted under the Plan after such expiration date. The expiration of the Plan shall not affect adversely any of the rights of any Grantee, without such Grantee's consent, under any Award theretofore granted.

(f) No Rights to Awards; No Stockholder Rights. No Grantee shall have any claim to be granted any Award under the Plan, and there is no obligation for uniformity of treatment of Grantees. Except as provided specifically herein, a Grantee or a transferee of an Award shall have no rights as a stockholder with respect to any shares of Stock covered by the Award until the date of the issuance of a Stock certificate to him for such shares or the issuance of shares to him in book-entry form.

(g) Unfunded Status of Awards. The Plan is intended to constitute an "unfunded" plan for incentive and deferred compensation. With respect to any payments not yet made to a Grantee pursuant to an Award, nothing contained in the Plan or any Award shall give any such Grantee any rights that are greater than those of a general creditor of the Company.

(h) No Fractional Shares. No fractional shares of Stock shall be required to be issued or delivered pursuant to the Plan, any Award or any Award Agreement. The Committee shall determine whether cash, other Awards, or other property shall be issued or paid in lieu of such fractional shares of Stock or whether such fractional shares or any rights thereto shall be forfeited or otherwise eliminated.

(i) Regulations and Other Approvals.

(i) The obligation of the Company to sell or deliver Stock with respect to any Award granted under the Plan shall be subject to all applicable laws, rules and regulations, including all applicable federal and state securities laws, and the obtaining of all such approvals by governmental agencies as may be deemed necessary or appropriate by the Committee.

(ii) Each Award is subject to the requirement that, if at any time the Committee determines, in its absolute discretion, that the listing, registration or qualification of Stock issuable pursuant to the Plan is required by any securities exchange or under any state or federal law, or the consent or approval of any governmental regulatory body is necessary or desirable as a condition of, or in connection with, the grant of an Award or the issuance of Stock, no such Award shall be granted or payment made or Stock issued, in whole or in part, unless listing, registration, qualification, consent or approval has been effected or obtained free of any conditions not acceptable to the Committee.

(iii) In the event that the disposition of Stock acquired pursuant to the Plan is not covered by a then current registration statement under the Securities Act

and is not otherwise exempt from such registration, such Stock shall be restricted against transfer to the extent required by the Securities Act or regulations thereunder, and the Committee may require a Grantee receiving Stock pursuant to the Plan, as a condition precedent to receipt of such Stock, to represent to the Company in writing that the Stock acquired by such Grantee is acquired for investment only and not with a view to distribution.

(j) Governing Law. The Plan and all determinations made and actions taken pursuant hereto shall be governed by the laws of the State of Nevada without giving effect to the conflict of laws principles thereof.

(k) Foreign Employees. Awards may be granted to employees who are foreign nationals or employed outside the United States, or both, on such terms and conditions different from those applicable to Awards to employees employed in the United States as may, in the judgment of the Committee, be necessary or desirable in order to recognize differences in local law or tax policy. The Committee also may impose conditions on the exercise or vesting of Awards in order to minimize the Company's obligation with respect to tax equalization for employees on assignments outside their home country.

(l) Section 409A. For purposes of the Plan, Section 409A of the Code refers to such Code section as well as to any successor or companion provisions thereto and any regulations or other guidance promulgated thereunder.